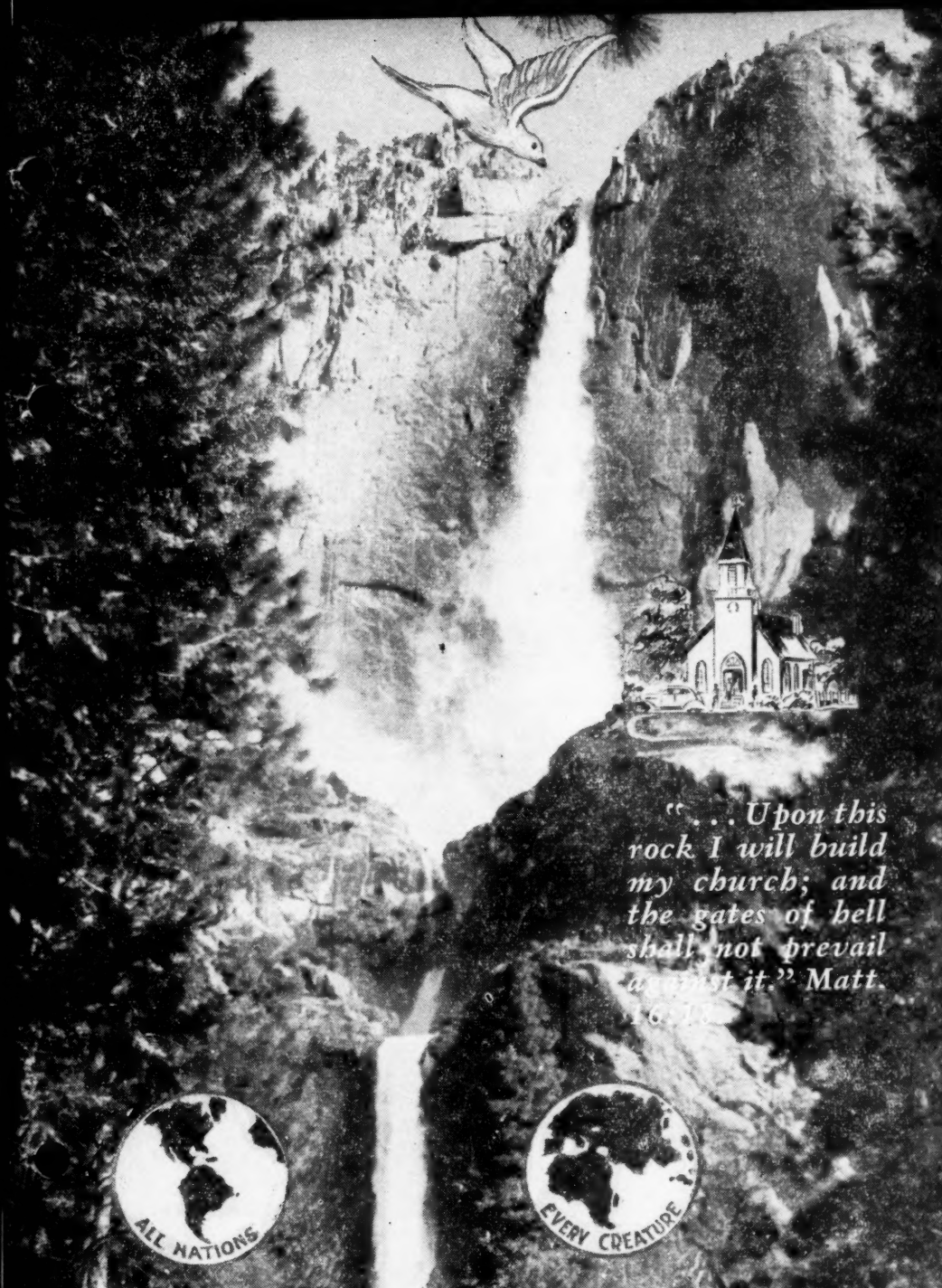

"... Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18

GOD'S PROMISE

Joel 2:23, 28
Zech. 10:1
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John 14:16
John 15:26
John 16:13
John 7:38
Luke 24:49
Acts 1:8
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Acts 8:17
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GOD'S COMMAND

Luke 24:49
Eph. 5:18

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NOTICES

This is to advise that Rev. Lovell Carey, who has just returned from the Church of God Training School at Sevierville, is now booking evangelistic engagements for the summer. Rev. Carey is particularly interested in conducting revivals in southern West Virginia. He is full of evangelistic fervor, zeal and enthusiasm, and is especially successful working among the young people. All who are interested in securing the services of Rev. Carey may contact him by writing him at Box 1084, Logan, W. Va., or by calling phone 714, Logan.

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Young man who wishes to hold daily vacation Bible schools during summer vacation. Can start any time and can furnish good references. If you are interested, write to Box 214, Sevierville, Tennessee.

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May 23 in balcony of Bible Training School auditorium at Sevierville, Tenn., a billfold containing social security number, draft classification card and other valuable papers. This belongs to Mr. Robert Lee Collins, Allock, Ky. Please return to this address as soon as possible.

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SOLDIER'S LETTER AND REQUEST

May 6, 1945
Germany

Dear Saints of the Church of God:

I was sitting here reading some in the Evangel and thought I would write you a few lines.

It is very lonesome here in Germany tonight .... lonesome for God. I am a sinner and need God in the worst way. I once knew the love of God but I drifted away out into the blackness of sin. I believe with all my heart that God had called me to preach the Word of God but I let Satan defy me.

Brother and sisters in Christ, if anyone needs your prayers I need them more than anything in this world. I was reading in the Evangel about the good revivals and conventions and I surely would like to go to a good revival. I used to belong to the Church of God at Binger, Okla., and I am hungry for the Word of God. I wish I was where I could hear the good Word of God.

I am so nervous I can hardly write but God understands.—A soldier in need of God, Pfc. Auther F. Carpenter, 38711973. (Address can be obtained from Publishing House.)

Greatly Blessed

VILAS, N. C.—I have just arrived home from the Isaac Creek Church of God, Rt. 1, Granite Falls, N. C., where I conducted a twelve-day revival for the pastor, Rev. E. H. Phillips. The church members were greatly blessed; the Holy Ghost was with us in every service. There are some real Church of God people in the Isaac Creek church. Please pray for the people there as many need God. Pray for my wife and me in the service of God.—Troy P. Lail, Rt. 1, Box 55.

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The Pastor Must Be and Must Not Be

JOHN C. JERNIGAN
General Overseer

This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

WHAT THE PASTOR MUST BE

The highest standards ever required of any group of men are imposed upon those called into the ministry. We have dealt with the six things that the pastor MUST NOT BE. We will now consider the ten things that the pastor MUST BE. The things the pastor must not be can usually be avoided by self-control and the overcoming of temptation and fleshly ambitions. The ten things that HE MUST BE are in the majority and of high standards and are attained by self-control, hard work, and diplomacy.

HE MUST BE VIGILANT

Vigilant means alertness; to avoid danger; to be watchful and cautious. The pastor must ever be on guard to protect his own influence and spiritual life. Then, as a second responsibility, he is charged with the care of his flock and must be a watchman and guard them.

The common enemy of all righteousness aims at the pastor as big game. He sets for him some dangerous traps, deadly pitfalls; and they are all well camouflaged, beautifully decorated, and well baited.

The flock is continually being subjected to the threats and destructive attacks of the satanic powers of the world. They are tempted, tried, and discouraged. Some are weak and easy to yield to the wicked influence, adding to the ever-increasing responsibilities and burdens of the pastors.

The pastor is as a watchman on the wall, and as a shepherd charged with the responsibility of feeding and protecting the flock. He must be alert, wide awake, and always on the job.

The pastor who loves his flock will sit up all night with them. He will go down into the valley of death to protect them. He is willing to spend and be spent for them. When the roaring lion comes out against them, he is alert and is in position to strike him. When the sly old wolf is sneaking near the door of one of his members, the vigilant pastor will appear in his defense.

HE MUST BE THE RULER OF HIS OWN HOUSE

A ruler is one who rules, or controls. There are various ways of ruling. One might rule by force, and another by grace and persuasion. The Lord does not rule His people by force. He tells them what to do, and their destiny if they disobey. Then He applies the rule of love and blessings.

If the minister of God is to rule his own house he must apply the rule of grace, persuasion, blessings, and force. The minister's problems with a family of children are many and all can not be solved by one rule. There will be times when a manifestation of love is required, and other problems may be solved by persuasion, and sometimes a blessing administered in the form of a gift or furnishing of the necessities of life; but there will be times that a father will have to be emphatic and use force to control his children. There is no harm, and often much good accomplished by the use of the rod, especially when administered properly.

One of the pastor's greatest problems is his own family. Members of the church watch them in the home, on the street, in the church, and at play. Every wrong move that the preacher's child makes is magnified and often used against the influence of the minister or in defense of the wickedness of some other young person.

HE MUST BE THE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE

Some have interpreted this statement to mean that a minister must not have two wives; others understand that the pastor must be married. Regardless of what it means, I think both views are very nearly right. Most certainly the pastor must not have two wives, and he should have one. There is no wrong about a man pastoring a church who has no wife, but he is lacking. He is minus his best half and greatly handicapped in carrying out the duties of a pastor in the most efficient manner.

HE MUST HAVE A GOOD REPORT OF THEM WHICH ARE WITHOUT

The pastor is a living epistle known and read by the church and those without. No other man is watched and put to the test as he is. They listen to and weigh his words. They watch his life and activities. They check his conduct. If the pastor is guilty of a wrong by either omission or commission, the people hear about it. It becomes the talk of the town and often gets to the public press. The pastor's life must be above reproach. He must have the confidence of his church and the public in general.

The good report is urged by Paul, "Lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."

The devil has many snares set for the pastor; if he is allured and caught in any of them, he falls into reproach. Then he and also the church suffer great loss.

One of the dangerous pitfalls that the devil would like to catch the pastor in is that of debt. The pastor who is not prompt in meeting his financial obligations, becomes a reproach to the church. Honesty does not make a man a Christian, but being a Christian should make a man honest, and especially him who has the high calling to preach the gospel. The general public will never be convinced that a dishonest man is a good man. Neither will they be convinced that a man who will not make his word good or pay his just debts is an honest man. It is as natural for a good man to tell the truth and pay his debts as it is for

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Jewish Activities

The Jewish Missionary Magazine related the following story concerning the Jews here and in Europe:

"Stressing that American Jews are the strongest single body able to ensure the survival of the million and a half Jews in Europe remaining from a pre-war population of six million, Isaac H. Levy of New York, vice chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, recently urged full support of the national campaign of the JDC for $46,570,000. Mr. Levy spoke of a meeting of the committee's St. Louis-Southern Illinois zone. He said the national goal is the minimum sum requested by European Jewish communities for the task of saving Jewish lives and rebuilding Jewish institutions."

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A Double Conscientious Objection

SENEY, Mich. — (UP) — Paul G. Voelker, who submitted his resignation as post manager of the Germfask, Mich., conscientious objectors' camp, scene of a sit-down strike, charged that Selective Service's treatment of the men amounted to "re-establishment of slavery."

"This action is taken only after thoroughly familiarizing myself with the situation," Voelker's letter of resignation to Clarence Johnson of the Department of Interior said.

"I have found Selective Service's treatment of men in the camp to be the re-establishment of slavery and punishment of men whose conscience does not permit their participation in war."

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Right and Left

The return of our Lord to set upon the throne of His glory, as related in Matt. 25:31-46, discloses a very popular present-day trend and usage of the "right and left" personages. Of recent years we have heard a great deal about the "rightists and the leftists"; that is, those who stand for the original trend of government when men believed in and worshipped God who gave us this country of freedom, called "rightists"; and those who stand against our Democratic way of life and who at the same time stand against Christ as the Savior of mankind and the rightful ruler of the world, called "leftists." These "leftists" little realize that they have a place in relation to Christ when He appears to set up His kingdom, just as they have acted in His absence. They will still be "on the left" because they have been while they were in power against Him. Christ will settle the score with these "leftists" by revealing their true antichristian nature, and assigning them to the punishment they have disbelieved awaited for them as indicated in the Word of God.

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Jewish Refugees in Palestine

Jewish Missionary Magazine reports that, "More than 1,100 *Jewish refugees arrived in Palestine* in a recent seven-day period, Rabbi James G. Heller, chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, announced recently. Of the total, 899 were from liberated Italy. Rabbi Heller said agencies of the Appeal would provide adjustment aid and other help to the newcomers and would arrange for their settlement in urban and rural communities in Palestine. The United Palestine Appeal seeks funds to help meet the $35,300,000 budget for 1945 of the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund, which promote the agricultural and economic development of the Jewish settlement in Palestine."

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Pastor Niemoeller Released

Pastor Martin Neimoeller has been released from the Nazi prison camp in reasonably good health. He read 300 English books after he was allowed to have books. He plans to visit England and the United States. He declared that the hope of Germany lies in the church. He also declared that the Germans now know that idealism is worthless.

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Russia

The Soviet authorities have released, according to RNS, the first religious film since the revolution. Moscow's twenty-two churches housed, during the Easter services, from 2,000 to 5,000 persons at midnight, entrance was very difficult due to large crowds in attendance. Many children and young people witnessed religious exercises for the first time in their lives.

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Protestants Denied Help in Italy

According to the *Midnight Cry*, "The official publication of the First Italian Baptist Church of Philadelphia has revealed that in Italy the AMG (Allied Military Government), has refused to help members of the Evangelical churches in dire need of food and clothes, on the grounds that recognition can only be given to the established church. The "established church" of course is the Roman Catholic church, established as the official church of Fascist Italy by Mussolini.

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Schools Without Religion

Attorney General Eldon S. Summit, of Kentucky, ruled that school buildings may not be used to teach religion without violating the constitution of the State. He commented that "morals may be taught and the Bible read." After all, that is what counts most.

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Religious Issue in Russia

RNS states that newspapers have opened their columns in Russia "widely to articles attempting to prove that religious beliefs are opposed to scientific truth." What may follow is anyone's guess. I have doubted if Russia were getting converted to any great extent. Let us hope for the best.

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The Holy Ghost Recipients

By REV. T. W. GODWIN

The word "recipient" means "one who receives," as a recipient of high honors, and in my opinion no greater honor could come to any man than to receive the Holy Ghost. As we attempt to philosophize the above mentioned subject, we hope to show in this philosophy who, according to the Scriptures, God has included in Pentecost, and whether or not it is for the people of this Twentieth Century. Hundreds and thousands of people agree that the disciples received the Holy Ghost and spoke with tongues at Pentecost, but contend that it is not for us today. Well, let's see. I guess *Pentecost* would be a good place to start to make our survey of this very important subject. Of course, according to the Scriptures, one hundred and twenty received the Holy Ghost on that memorable day. Acts 1:15. At that time there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven, and when Peter had about finished his unique Pentecostal sermon, several of these men asked, "Men and brethren what shall we do?" to which question Peter answered, Acts 2:38, 39, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you (yes, individually), and to your children, and to all that are afar off (Yes, collectively or to the audience as at Pentecost where the one hundred and twenty received the blessing, which information, in my opinion, means what it says and says what it means; yes, and what's more), even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Moffatt's Translation says, "For anyone whom the Lord our God may call to himself." This is a very plain proposition here and should be just as easily understood as any scripture in the Bible, and certainly means as much to you and every one as the doctrine of repentance, baptism, sanctification, or any other doctrine of the Bible; and the foregoing just means that you and I are just as much entitled to the Holy Ghost as the one hundred and twenty at Pentecost.

Every professing Christian most certainly contends that he is God-called, and if you are God-called, then you are not called unto uncleanness but unto holiness, according to 1 Thess. 4:7. Of course, holiness is the highest standard of religion America affords, and is the Bible standard, therefore God does not call one to one thing and another to something else but every person is called to the one and only standard of the Bible. All such are privileged characters and recipients of every doctrine and principle of salvation, and, of course, this includes the Holy Ghost like as received at Pentecost two thousand years ago. Now we understand that the contention of thousands is that the one hundred and twenty drank all the wine (spiritual) on the day of Pentecost and none was ever given thereafter, i, e., no one else has ever received the blessing since that day.

Right here I propose to prove that others did receive it after Pentecost. For example, eight years after this first great outpouring on the hundred and twenty, Cornelius, a Gentile (not a Jew, if you please), and they that heard the Word, received the Holy Ghost, even at the astonishment of those of the circumcision who came with Peter, yet they could not deny the facts as they were because they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Peter and his committee of Jews said, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we (Jews)? And he commanded that they be baptized in the name of the Lord." Here is a testimony from this same preacher and in this particular sermon which converted Cornelius, that should be sufficient evidence for any one to believe in the Holy Ghost and be a recipient of same. This is found in the opening remarks of Peter's address to these Gentiles. Acts 10:34, "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons (in the plural) (Moffatt explains that "God has no favorites.): But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him."

Some will ask, "What experience did Cornelius have before Peter preached to him?" Some think he was already saved, some think he was sanctified. Two things we do know and that is Cornelius received the Holy Ghost and God does not give the Holy Ghost to sinners, but according to Peter's statement, in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him. If you are any part of a nation, and will fear God and do the right thing, then you are entitled to the blessings of salvation just like Cornelius and his household. The thing most important now is that we take God at His Word in this particular event, just as we do in other doctrines that we hold near and dear to us, and when we do the blessing will come to us as other blessings come, of course, by faith. As upon every occasion when the Holy Ghost was given, it was on the condition of faith and obedience, which condition is between every man and God today.

Twenty-one years after Pentecost Paul, having passed through the upper coasts, came to Ephesus, and finding certain disciples, he asked them, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" The R. V. and margin say, "Did ye receive the Holy Ghost when ye believed?" But these disciples answered, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." "Then unto what were ye baptized?" asked Paul. They said, "Unto John's baptism." Then Paul explained John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus and when Paul had laid his hands on them the Holy Ghost came on them and they spake with tongues and prophesied. Acts 19:7 says that all the men were about twelve. Now this is the third time we have record of a Holy Ghost outpouring during the period of twenty-one years, and each time they spake with tongues, which we do not think is all the evidence, but to be sure the initial evidence of this great blessing which comes to every person that is a recipient.

Last but not least, may we advise that though the Holy Ghost is for even as many as the Lord our God

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REST

MRS. MABLE LANE

Matt. 11:28-30, *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Jesus is offering this great and wonderful opportunity of rest to a ruined and sin-tossed world. As He looks out over the wicked cities of this earth, with their ungodliness and great wickedness, and reproves them for their unthankfulness and impudence to God, He tells them how awful it will be for them at the day of judgment, if they fail to come and humble themselves from their sinful, haughty ways, and accept the great peace and rest He is offering the weary. I can think of nothing else so consoling, so comforting, so inviting to sinners and people of God alike, than this passage of scripture, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

When we think of rest then we think of how the world is laboring, toiling, struggling, in these war times from a natural side. We hurry, hurry through the day, all we can, to help in the struggle for our home front. Our natural bodies are so tired and worn from a continual carrying on that we are tempted to give up, but we think of our precious boys and girls on the battlefields and there is no place or time to give up or let down in our work.

There is a way we can help and we must do our part. If we come to Jesus He can rest our tired bodies and give us super-strength. We hear and read a lot in these days about something to give us extra strength and courage, that much-needed pep and something to keep us cheerful. But oh, just one hour of quiet relaxation in some place of prayer and meditation before God, with a fervent, sincere heart, will give us that extra much-needed energy and keep us happy and cheerful while on the job. How very well do we people of God realize that we can do more for our boys across the waters, more for our country, more for poor lost humanity, more on the home front, if we go down before God on our knees and faces and get that "rest," that joy and peace of God that gives us assurance from God that victory is ours. Oh, thank God, we can have "rest" and happiness in our souls that this world doesn't know about, if we come to Jesus and tell Him our troubles, lay down our yoke and take up His, for it is easy to wear.

Some one said, "I work so hard I don't have time to go to church." Friend, if you leave God off you might as well stop. If we fail to pray, we are losing ground instead of gaining. Oh, take time to pray. Take time to go to God and get that "rest," that assurance that God will protect you and bless your labors through the day. The writer of Heb. 4:9 says, "There remaineth a 'rest' to the people of God." Yes, there is a "rest" that is waiting. The faithful shall enter into this blissful eternal "rest"; a rest beyond this life, beyond the blessings of this life; a place where we shall not labor. We shall not toil, shall never be burdened. There will be no more preaching or all-night prayer meetings to overcome the enemy of our souls. There will be no devil there to bother us, no sad farewells, no funerals, for there will be no dying there. Oh, what joy, rest, and contentment.

In Rev. 14:13, John heard a voice saying, "Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Here I think of the martyrs who gave their lives for the sake of the gospel, and our forefathers who blazed the full gospel trail, suffered persecutions, bore hardships and severe temptations. Some have gone on to enjoy this blessed "rest." Others remain here, but have retired from their labors and their works do follow them. How I do thank God that they stood on the whole Word of God, live or die, and carried the gospel, cold or hot, rain or shine, in need or prosperity, without so many conveniences as we have today, that you and I might have this glorious truth and obtain this "rest" and living hope of the gospel. Oh, let us not be careless about paying our aged ministers' quota, thinking our little dimes will not be missed. If ten persons fail to cooperate, there will be one dollar short. Those that have retired are deserving and worthy of our little dimes, that they might have rest and support, and ere long our Father will permit them to enter into that perfect "rest" never to be disturbed or in need, hungry or burdened again. Praise the Lord! As we look on their humble faces and see their bodies bent with care, we understand that they are battle-worn and weary, yet on their countenances is a trace of hope and happiness, of sweet assurance of peace and "rest" with God in a home in the sky.

Let us work, pray, hold on to God, and walk in the straight and narrow way they laid down for us, that we also might enter into that "rest." The prophet Jeremiah 6:16 says, "Ask for the good way and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." So if we have asked and found the good way, let us go on walking in it. When we go to press our dying pillow and our poor bodies are tortured with pain and misery, we shall seek a place of "rest," rest with its quiet blissfulness. If we fail to have Jesus, we will find no "rest." He is that rest. There is none in the world. There is no friend that can give you that "rest," no matter how much they love you.

My little brother was afflicted with Bright's disease from a very small child, which finally developed into heart dropsy. He died at the age of fifteen. About two weeks before his death one night he thought he was wading down a mighty stream of swiftly running water and he said he had pulled and pulled until he was very tired and ready to faint. Then he discovered in the midst of this water a huge rock. He climbed upon this rock and found there the sweetest rest he had ever witnessed. His life was weary, his breath short and hard to get, but when he gave way and leaned on the Rock (Jesus) he found rest, "rest" forever. Many times I have been made to think of this experience as we pull and paddle on life's troubled sea—waters of sickness, waters of disappointments and temptations, deep and wide. Oh, Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm. Let us climb upon the rock and find rest and safety.

Many people pass out into eternity and on their beautiful casket are the words "AT REST"; on either side are

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Father God's Precious Promises

MRS. ANNA ELLIS

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth," 3 John 2. The Word says if we delight ourselves in Him, He shall give us the desires of our hearts, Psa. 37:4.

Frankly, I believe that every mother's most earnest desire is that her boy, away out yonder somewhere, only God knows where, will be saved, and if it be God's will and he be brought back home, no one knows quite so well the joy of mother who has the experience of her own. Many nights mother lays awake praying for that darling boy, wondering if he has a good bed to sleep on, or good food to eat; if he remembers to read his Testament she gave him; if he has forgotten the family or where he used to kneel each morning with Mother, and if he still knows how to pray. Then Jesus seems to call back to her memory the passage of scripture, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it," Prov. 22:6. "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth," Mark 9:23; 11:24; 1 John 3:22. "The promise is unto you, and to your children," Acts 2:38. "For I will contend with him that contendeth with thee (Jap or German or any of the enemy's forces), and I will save thy children," Isa. 49:25.

Sisters and brothers, that was written in that great treasure Book, the Bible, for us every one in these dark days, to comfort our hearts. His Word is yea and amen to every one that believeth. It will be there to meet us in Heaven. He said He would keep us in perfect peace if our minds were stayed on Him. So search the Scriptures—dig down in God's gold mine and find the little gold nuggets, His promises to us for our children (that are bearing so heavily on our hearts today). If we have brought them up around the family altar, we need not fear. That training will go with them wherever they may go and they know how to call on God. He may have to chastise them many times, but He knows better than we how to get them back to the narrow way. We must mean it when we pray for the Lord to save them at any cost. If He saves them and takes them on to Glory, we should be resigned to His will. He knows what is best for all. He knows whether they will be able to overcome the temptations or not. Of course, He will do the very best possible for us and them, for He did not shrink from the cross to save us.

Preparations are being made for a great celebration when victory comes. There will be every evil enticement the devil can think of to overthrow them, when our boys land in America on their return home. Let us rededicate them to the Lord, "Not my will, dear Lord, but thine." For after all, time is short and we want our boys to be ready to die. May God bless you all. Now read Matt. 9:29, 30. Pray and believe His promises.

JESUS CALLS FOUR PREACHERS

Luke 5:1-11

E. B. CARTER

As I write this I can, in my imagination, see the look of amazement on Simon's face when Jesus, the Prince of peace, the Son of the living God, stepped into his ship that stood near by. No doubt, Jesus was tired and weary from being pressed upon by the multitude who were eager and hungry for the true "authentic" Word of God. Jesus knew these poor country boys were unlearned as to literary schooling, but thank God for men with authentic hearts like Simon Peter, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. Oh, if we only had more men like them today, who were humble in heart and mind and were willing to forsake the ungodly ways of life to walk the straight and narrow way with Jesus, that leads to life everlasting!

I believe old father Zebedee was made to rejoice in the Lord when his sons manifested such undaunted faith in the Son of God. Still there was more to be done, something far greater than fishing. There were the countless numbers of dear souls who were hungry for the real salvation of their never-dying souls. We see Peter, Andrew, James, and John engaged in their old business of fishing yet. God had something far better and greater for these four humble men. Jesus knew they were good fishermen, with great patience, and knew they would make excellent, enduring ministers, who immediately obeyed the calling of God and forsook all to follow the Lord and preach His everlasting gospel, knowing that after all, life is very short.

Jesus had already become known as the Son of God, the worker of miracles. Then comes the many other things which Jesus did. St. John 21: 25. Praise God for an everlasting, never-dying, miracle-working Savior like our Christ, the Son of the living God. Now if we ministers will be humble and submissive to the will of God we, too, will be a drawing card for lost souls. Jesus said in St. John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Again, in St. John 14:6, Jesus said unto them, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." If we will obey God, we, too, as humble servants and ministers of God, will be able to draw the lost souls of a wicked and perverse nation to God. Wisdom cries in the top of high places. Prov. 8:2. This shows to me that Christ had a strong voice, a loud voice, indeed, for the dead heard Him calling, "Come forth." Today He is still calling those who are dead in trespasses, sin, and debauchery.

Jesus did not desire any credit for His great life. The trouble with so many of our ministers today is that they are desiring the pre-eminence of man, or praise among the people, thinking of self and not the poor lost souls wandering in darkness. I pray

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A Great and Effectual Door Is Opened Unto Us

By HOUSTON R. MOREHEAD

1 Cor. 16:8, 9, *"But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."*

Even now, in this great State of Michigan, God has set before us an open door, an effectual door is opened unto us, and God will supply us with power and confirm the gospel by His manifest presence through His Holy Spirit. Let us not be faint-hearted because of the adversaries. Paul said, "We have many adversaries," yet he won Asia for Christ. We are opposed by the same devil today, but God is able and is working with us in Michigan.

I have recently returned from the Upper Peninsula and truly God has opened that door unto us, a great and effectual door, in the copper country, a settlement of lovely villages and towns and some of the finest people I have ever been privileged to meet. Some towns are largely English while a number of other towns are predominantly Scandinavian, Finnish, Swedish, and Norwegian, some sixty thousand, I believe. They are lovely people, easy to become attached to and to appreciate and respect. Their hospitality could hardly be excelled. Their love and regard for truth and earnest sincerity is very evident.

I had traveled for a night and a day, arriving in Dollar Bay late in the evening amidst much snow and cold, yet the country was lovely and of ever changing interest and beauty. Arriving at the home of Brother Arthur Anderson and family, also Brother Fred Zaukelies and mother, I was received with warm appreciation and joy. It was indeed a pleasure to see them after the intervening years that had separated us. A brother and his wife from Calumet came over. Brother Franz, a Lutheran brother of Dollar Bay, came in and quite a few had gathered. Brother Franz urged that we should have a service. I was tired but felt we should accept the opportunity and God met us there and helped us to speak to this precious people who had not understood holiness in its fulness and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. They received the Word with joy. Arrangements were made for a service the following night. Quite a large number were present. God's presence was with us again, giving favor for the Church and confirming the truth, various members present assenting to the truth and declaring they desired a spiritual revival.

On Sunday morning I visited a Congregational Church. Brother Arthur Anderson has been working with this group, seeking to administer to them God's precious Word. I was invited to speak to them, and, again, God helped us and His Spirit touched them. They urged us to return and speak to them again. They have a lovely church and very sincere people. I was cordially invited into the home of Brother and Sister Isaac Franz, and was graciously served. We conducted another meeting in this nice home and all evidently were blessed.

At seven o'clock I attended the Lutheran Church of which Brother Isaac Franz and family, Brother and Sister Thurston Helman, Brother and Sister John Anderson, Brother and Sister Carl Sved are members. At the close of the service, about 8:15 p.m., we all gathered in the home of Brother and Sister John Anderson, a very lovely home and a large spacious reception room. A large crowd had gathered. God's presence was impressively real. My soul is stirred as I recall how wondrously real He was to us all. The people were hungry and thirsting for God's best. While arrangements were taking place, one spoke, "I believe we can receive the Holy Ghost just as they did on the day of Pentecost." Another joined in and said, "Did they not receive the Baptism and speak with other tongues as recorded in Acts 2?" "Yes," another replied, "and how about those that were converted and said, 'We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost?'" Another responded, "And they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost." Another said, "I am convinced and I want this blessing." Another remarked, " And I, too, desire all God has for me." Oh, the joy of God's presence that night while these precious people avowed their determination to be filled with all the fulness of God!

I spoke to them from Romans 6 on the sin question, and at the close of the message sincere expressions of acceptance followed amid tears and acknowledgment. The son of Brother and Sister John Anderson, who had recently been confirmed into the Lutheran Church and a very fine young man, felt his need of God, was invited by our minister, Brother Arthur Anderson, and decided to seek the Lord. An old-time altar service resulted. All joined in prayer and ere long Jesus sweetly saved him. Tears of joy, praise, and thanksgiving filled the place. This revival spirit is yet burning among them. I received a letter from Brother Anderson and I quote, "You may never know how much good was accomplished as a result of your visit up here. Three of the Lutheran brethren, Brother Franz, Brother Helman, and Brother Sved, expressed a desire to come together and seek the baptism with the Holy Ghost. The first service will be at our home on Thursday night of this week, so we are praying God to meet with us in power and take them through."

I might say that before I received this letter, while working in the office on that night, I felt the urge to pray for those precious people, and how real God was to us! I arose from my knees and told my secretary, Brother Ralph Day, that I was deeply burdened for the people in Dollar Bay, I trusted there was no trouble, but felt I must pray, and then came this good letter telling they were praying for the Holy Ghost. Glory be unto Him, and praise! If all goes well, we will purchase a most lovely church and adequate for our need in Dollar Bay, so be sure and join us in prayer that God will provide all that is necessary for this promising work. There are other opportunities that are, I believe, just as promising before us and an abundent harvest is to be

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ECHOES FROM THE FIELD

J. H. INGRAM

I have labored in the Mexican field for more than a dozen years; in fact, "casi me converti en Mexicano." I have seen the work grow from one church with about forty members to a group of 212 congregations with a membership of nearly 5,000. I appreciate the magnitude of the work and, more than that, the faithfulness of our Mexican ministers who, under God, have made such accomplishments possible. During these days here in British Guiana, I received a letter from an ex-Catholic Bishop who, until he was converted a few years ago, was one of our strongest opponents. I quote a paragraph from his letter.

"Beloved brother in Christ, I have to thank you for not forgetting me in your prayers. I am disposed to visit your churches, if possible, and to become a useful member in your teachings of spiritual power, testifying to that which the Lord has done for me since 1937."

My trip from Panama to British Guiana by way of Port-of-Spain and Trinidad, was very interesting. The plane trip alone was sufficient to keep me absorbed throughout the entire journey. However, we shall not dwell on the material scenes as there are other matters far more important. It is sufficient to say that the panorama of ever-changing and contrasting vistas was enough to keep me awed as the giant airliner went sailing gracefully through space.

We were able to make some important contacts in Colombia and Venezuela where God has already begun to pour out His Spirit in Holy Ghost revivals. It was in Colombia I first met Brother Jose Bonilla, a missionary-graduate of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. At the present time, ten years later, Brother Bonilla has the baptism of the Spirit and is working in Central America.

Brother Lauster, who represented our work in Germany, formerly worked in Colombia. I see by the reports in today's paper that Stuttgart, Germany, has fallen to the Allied Armies. This is the native home of our Brother Lauster and, incidentally, the headquarters of our European mission. Please pray for our Brother Lauster and family.

Before leaving the question of the work in Colombia and Venezuela, anyone who is interested in going to either country might get in touch with our Executive Mission Secretary. With the end of the war in sight, we hope that Venezuela will soon open her borders to others of these messengers of good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people everywhere.

I arrived in British Guiana a day ahead of schedule. Since I had arrived unannounced, there was no one there to greet me but a newspaper reporter came for an interview and gave us a nice write-up. After the regular services on Sunday, the official welcome was announced for Monday night so that representatives from other churches could take part. The opening service on Monday night was preceded by a brief open-air meeting and a half-mile-long procession to the National Baptist Church where we are holding a series of special meetings. The interest is very great at these meetings where we preach to overflowing crowds which usually fill the narrow street in front of the temple. We have excellent order as far as behavior is concerned, as the police are almost always present to keep the traffic moving. St. Paul's Church, where we are holding services, is the principal one among a group of five churches belonging to this fellowship. One of the churches is over in Dutch Guiana where they have a nice church and mission house. The pastor of the latter congregation wrote and asked me to come to them. Pray and watch the Evangel for further information and reports from these mission fields!

PROGRESS IN JAMAICA

We rejoice with our Jamaican brethren at the progress being made by the Church of God in Jamaica. The opening of the Evangelical Institute in Kingston, Jamaica, is certainly a milestone and we pause to thank God for bringing the Church thus far, and then press on, for there are greater things ahead. Following is an article submitted by some of our ministers in Jamaica expressing their gratitude for the Evangelical Institute:

EBENEZER

When the children of Israel smote the Philistines from Mizpeh to Bethcar, good old Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpeh and Shen and called the name of it EBENEZER, saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," 1 Sam. 7:12.

Well may we New Testament Church of God people realize that we have reached our "Ebenezer." After years of battling the intellectual Philistines, we have subdued the enemy, and like Samuel of old, good Bishop David L. Lemons has set up a "stone," a flaming stone and, incidentally, at Stony Hill. Together we say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. Hallelujah!"

Yes, another stone, a milestone, has been reached. First the registration of the church, then the appointment of marriage officers, and now the establishment of the Evangelical Institute for the training of our ministers. Truly, the reel of progress is being unfurled before us on the screen of time in staggering incredibility.

Yet, it is all true! Ebenezer! Hallelujah! But shall we stop here? God forbid! Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, we press toward the mark for the prize. May God bless every brother and every sister back in the United States of America who is supporting the mission cause.—I. L. Miller, Field Representative in Jamaica.

Whereas it pleased Almighty God to

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My baby who cannot hold his head up, I believe something is wrong with his neck.—Mrs. Estelle Tyler, Bon Air, Ala.

Me to be healed of T. B. I have been bedfast seven years and I do not improve any; my brothers in Service.—Martha E. Belcher, 3D, Room 306, Pinecrest Sanatorium, Beckley, W. Va.

God to completely heal my body of a run-down condition and other ailments; my home; my companion who is overseas; unspoken request.—Mrs. Wesley Carroll, Raymond, Ga.

Me to be completely healed of tuberculosis; my home that God will undertake for it.—Mrs. Helen Burnette, 2502½ 12th Avenue, Huntington, W. Va.

My daughter.—Mrs. Luella Wright, Rt. 2, Nauvoo, Ala.

My brother, James O. Wright, Box 204, Glendale, Ariz., to be saved and healed of T. B., he is in the hospital and very low.—Walter H. Wright, Warren, Tenn.

The healing of my body, I have been sick over two years and am getting worse. I have heart asthma and enlargement of the heart.—Luther Alexander, Cateechee Cotton Mill, Cateechee, S. C.

My son in the Navy who is sick; my other son in the Army.—Mary M. Simms, Rt. 1, Box 51, Marianna, Fla.

My husband, Ernest R. Vollrath A|S, Co. 43, Bat. A-7, Bks. 119, Camp Peary, Va., who is in the Navy hospital with pneumonia.—Mrs. Kathaleen Vollrath, Rt. 1, Cropwell, Ala.

The healing of my body; God to care for my son who is in the Service. —Mrs. Ray Morgan, Hayesville, N. C.

The healing of my body, my health is not good; my children.—Mrs. J. B. Farr, Mayking, Ky.

Mrs. Dave Hubbard, Rt. 4, Morristown, Tenn., who has rheumatism over her entire body; the healing of my sister who has been sick three years with ulcerated stomach and an anemic condition.—Katherine Hubbard, Rt. 3, c|o Archie Holdren, Elizabethton, Tennessee.

God to undertake and heal my body, believed to be cancer.—Mrs. Francis Sprayberry, Rt. 3, Box 969, Talladega, Ala.

God to undertake for a very urgent request.—Euline Lee, Rt. 2, Box 151, Decatur, Ala.

The healing of Sister Bertie Roe, Goldville, S. C., she has been sick eight weeks and will appreciate encouragement.—Dallas King, Box 75, Goldville, S. C.

The healing of my mother who has a growth in her nose and something wrong with her throat.—Mrs. Leonard Anderson, Whitefish, Mont.

God to give me strength in my body.—Mrs. Irene Trammell, 22 Taylor St., Piedmont, Ala.

The healing of my body, I have a miserable feeling in my head and back and am weakened by heat in my entire body.—Theodore Bryant, 342 N. Pine Street, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure.—Beckie Ritter, Howell, Ga.

The healing of two sisters, Mrs. Thelma Powers and Miss Violet Pack, of Jellico, Tenn., Main St. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Nelson Russell, Box 3, Jellico, Tenn.

The healing of Sister Effie Kelley, John Boaten, Sister Ellen Smith, Sister Trusty, Opal Lloyd, and Sister Wheeler.—Pearl Freeman, East Alton, Ill.

My sister's twelve-year-old deaf and dumb boy who got his foot crushed last Saturday, the doctors think they will have to amputate it. —Mrs. Elizabeth Downing, Blytheville, Ark.

Me to be healed of a serious throat trouble. — Rev. Wilson L. Sharp, Starkville, Miss.

Sister Roy Childress who has T. B. very bad.—A. R. Willingham, Bauxite, Ark.

Sister Mary Stobliton, Vanceburg, Ky., who is in very bad health.—Rev. James Duff, Vanceburg, Ky.

My sister-in-law to be healed of cancer; my brother overseas; the healing of my head; unspoken request.—Vera McDonald, Olustee, Fla.

Me to be healed of T. B.; my three small children and husband.—Sybil Pauline Bolen, c|o St. John's Sanatorium, Springfield, Ill.

My healing, I have been sick almost two years with T. B. I would enjoy getting letters from those who have been healed.—Flora Rutledge, Rt. 1, Lindale, Ga.

The complete healing of my father's head.—Rev. E. B. Chrisley, Rt. 3, Pulaski, Va.

The healing of my baby; our pastor and his wife who are both weak in body.—Mrs. Ellis Vinson, Rt. 2, Ochlochnee, Ga.

My healing, I have been taken out of the mines for over two months. Encouragement appreciated. — Rev. M. K. Weems, Trafford, Ala.

My son overseas; special unspoken request.—Frankie Berry, Demorest, Ga.

Revival Report

WICHITA FALLS, Tex.—We had a two weeks' revival here at Wichita Falls with several saved and sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. Rev. Bill Cook and wife conducted the revival. The saints were built up and the church strengthened. Pray for us to go over the top in Wichita Falls.—W. E. Rampy, pastor, 309 N. Brook.

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Obituaries

THOMPSON

Rev. Alvin H. Thompson went to be with Jesus March 5, 1945, at Sanator, S. Dak., age twenty-nine years. Funeral service and burial were conducted at Lemmon, S. Dak. Brother Thompson was a former pastor at Lemmon, S. Dak., and a teacher in the Northwest Bible & Music Academy. While he was serving as overseer of Montana, he was released that he might attempt to recover his health. The Lord chose to promote him to greater honor in glory.—Glyndon Logsdon, overseer, North and South Dakota.

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CLARK

Rev. Clarence W. Clark, pastor of our church at Gettysburg, S. Dak., passed to life's other side February 22, 1945; age forty-one years. Funeral services were conducted at Gettysburg, S. Dak., and Pontiac, Mich. A short time before his departure he told his wife, "The Lord has told me that I need not go further."—Glyndon Logsdon.

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JORDETH

T|5 Victor Jordeth was killed in action in Germany April 10, 1945. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Lebanon, S. Dak. He attended the Northwest Bible & Music Academy two terms prior to entering the armed services. Memorial service was conducted in the City Auditorium at Lebanon May 6, 1945.—Glyndon Logsdon, overseer, North and South Dakota.

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CLEMONS

Mrs. Allie Mae Clemons, a faithful member of the Church of God at Coconut Grove, Fla., departed this life April 20, 1945. She will be missed by every one.—Her pastor, L. B. Hammond.

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POSTLEWAIT

Sister Bessie Postlewait, one of the oldest members of the Church of God at Parkersburg, W. Va., and truly a most devout Christian, died May 24, 1945. She was in the Tuesday night prayer service where she received a most unusual blessing. She took suddenly ill the next morning and lived only twenty-four hours.—Eula Utman, 118 Marrtown Rd., Parkersburg, W. Va.

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DeHART

Austin Jones DeHart, a faithful member of the Church of God at Barren Springs, Va., went to be with Jesus April 1, 1945; age fifty-five years, two months and twenty-one days. He had just taken up the offering for the church and was up at the Bible stand fixing to put in his offering when a vein burst and he fell over the altar rail and died instantly.—His daughter-in-law, Gertrude DeHart, Barren Springs, Va.

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INEBNIT

On May 11, 1945, the death angel visited the home of A. P. Inebnit and claimed for its victim his loving wife. She was sixty-four years, nine months, and ten days old.—A daughter, Mrs. L. J. Booth, Hudson, Fla.

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GILPIN

Mrs. Julia Ann Gilpin, age seventy years, three months and seven days, departed this life May 13, 1945. She received the Baptism several years ago and was a true follower of the Lord and the Church of God. Surely May 13 was a sad Mother's Day.—Bertha H. Stewart.

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POWELL

Just a few words in loving memory of our brother, Rev. W. H. Powell, who passed on to a better world April 30, 1945. When he took sick around Christmas he told us he had gone over his record and that he didn't find anything against him. How I thank and praise God for the memory of those words. He was always willing to go and help someone and pray for the lost, but God knew what was best, so took him on to live with Him.—Mrs. Lula Williams, Athens, Ga.

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JORDAN

Pfc. Walter Jordan, our dear brother and son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jordan, formerly of Glen White, W. Va., but now of Pennsylvania, went home to be with Jesus from the battlefield of Luzon on April 3, 1945. We weep not as those who have no hope. At the farewell prayer service he sang, "When I Make My Last Move," which was his favorite song. He left the testimony that he was depending on God.—His sister, Mrs. Carl Norris, 105 Pratt Ave., Towanda, Pa.

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GODWIN

Our son, Bernard, was killed in Germany April 21, 1945. He was twenty years old and had been in the army over two years, with eight months service in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. We express our humble appreciation to our friends for the many cards, letters and telegrams of sympathy we have received.—Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Godwin and family.

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CRAWFORD

On April 30, 1945, my precious mother, Mrs. A. T. M. Crawford, departed this life to be with Jesus; age seventy-eight years. She was a true member of the Church of God at Trafford, Ala., a faithful mother and grandmother.—Mrs. Sudie M. Hannah, Dixiana, Ala.

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LOONEY

In memory of our dear pastor, Rev. W. H. Looney, who departed this life April 6, 1945; age sixty-five years. He was happy through all his illness. His inspiring words still ring in our memories and he encouraged his flock to press on. He suffered for five months but he was so happy because he had received the gift. He had been in the Church of God a short time. He received the Holy Ghost a year ago this month (May) and he asked his church at Nicholls to tell the world the best thing this side of heaven is the Holy Ghost. We feel our loss is heaven's gain and we are looking to meet him on the other shore, for he told us he would look for us over there. Praise His name forever.

Remember his dear companion in your prayers.—Mrs. Myrtice Wolfe, Rt. 2, Nicholls, Ga.

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WHITTEN

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Whitten and claimed for his victim their son, Max Edward; he was born October 7, 1934, and went to be with Jesus April 13, 1945. His testimony was he was ready to go.—J. D. Hodges, pastor, Charleston, Miss.

Working for a New Church

PELHAM, Ala.—We are indeed thankful for our good pastor, Rev. W. E. Tomlison, and his family. He is a real man of God and is interested in our work. We have raised over four hundred dollars since he has been here and are still working to build a new church. We are praying for a revival, so we ask all to pray that we will have a great revival.—Mrs. L. W. Whitfield, Rt. 1, Helena, Ala.

Reports from the Field

Arizona Has Made a Great Move Forward

BISBEE, Ariz.—We were privileged to have Rev. J. D. Bright, Assistant General Overseer of the Western District, with us for two services in January. Brother Bright is a wonderful man of God, filled with the Spirit, and he also possesses a great knowledge of the Bible. Our church was greatly blessed through his ministry while here. His great messages were instructive, yet they were filled with love and sympathy for those who needed help. I have heard many compliments on his messages from people who are not affiliated with the Church of God. We feel that the Council of Twelve gave us a man for this Western District who is, in every way, qualified for the job. There are great possibilities here in the West and we feel that those possibilities will become realities with the capable leaders that are being placed in the West. Brother Bright, we are longing for the time when you can come again.

Brother Bright was accompanied from Phoenix by our very highly esteemed state overseer, Rev. O. C. Crank. The Church of God has made a great move forward here in Arizona under the able leadership of Brother Crank. He is well qualified for the office of state overseer and we think he is one of the Church's best. He loves his ministers and in turn is loved and appreciated by the ministers of Arizona. It has been a great pleasure to work with him for the last two years. —Floyd L. Ramsey.

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Report of Bigtimber District Rally

This rally convened March 23-25 at Bigtimber, Brother M. L. Lowe, district overseer, in charge. Those contributing to the preaching of the Word were Rev. Burkey, of the Assembly of God, Columbus; Elder A. B. Stubbs, pastor of the Rainbow Tabernacle, West Yellowstone, Mont.; Brother Preston Sanders, Brother Anton Meyer, Brother Noel Lowe, Brother M. L. Lowe, Brother Ed Beckman, and Brother Wesley Snyder. These sermons were enjoyed by all. The state overseer brought the message on Missions Sunday morning after which a freewill mission offering was given of $217.87. We thank the Lord for this good offering. Sister Martha Godwin conducted a Y. P. E. service on Saturday evening and an orphanage offering of $28.51 was taken.

Brother Noel Lowe was in charge of the singing. Those who assisted Brother Lowe in the music and singing included: Sisters Elsie Seabens, Geraldine Blackwell, Meyer, Irene Kisser, Sanders, M. L. Lowe, J. J. Kisser, Clarence Savchenko, and Donald Boyd.

To say this was a great rally is putting it mild. We believe the Lord blessed from the first song to the benediction. Also, we wish to thank Brother and Sister Lowe, the host pastor and wife, and those that assisted them with the fine entertainment we enjoyed during the rally.

Prior to the rally the state overseer conducted eleven nights of revival services at Bigtimber, during which the church gave their pastor an offering of approximately $50 and his wife an offering of approximately $12, for which we thank the Lord and the people of Bigtimber church.—Convention clerk.

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Progressing Financially and Spiritually

PAHOKEE, Fla.—We are very glad for the wonderful progress, both financially and spiritually, here in Pahokee Church of God. We really thank the Lord for sending Brother and Sister J. M. Gresham our way. The church has been set in order with eighteen members.

We have purchased a lot with parconducted eleven nights of revival $500 on the lot and have $870 in the bank. We are thankful for the good people here in Pahokee, and for the wonderful cooperation shown us in our efforts to build a church. The Lord is really blessing us and we mean to go on with this good work. We are very proud of this wonderful Sunday School and Y. P. E. we have here, also our Willing Workers' Band. Pray for us to soon have our new church completed and that this will be a soul-saving station.—Gary Sanders.

McMinnville Y.P.E. Being Blessed

McMINNVILLE, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing our Y. P. E. here in McMinnville. We have already had an increase of 499 in attendance and a good increase in finance of $110.09 over the last quarter of last Assembly year. The Y. P. E. bought a nice living room suite for the parsonage, which cost $139.50, and paid for it in three weeks.

We have a good band of youmg people here and our pastor, Brother H. M. Hunt, works well with them. Pray for us.—Miss Georgia Ray Jones.

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Report of the Winter Haven Church of God

We praise the Lord for the way He is blessing at the Winter Haven Church of God. He gave us almost $1,000 in seven Sundays, through our Sunday School offerings, for the building of Sunday School rooms. This will indeed prove a great blessing to us as our church was packed last Sunday with one hundred and sixty-four in Sunday School.

We thank God for the young people here. Their class had $134 in their Sunday School offering at one time. Three of our young people are in Bible School and home in the service of our country, but we still have a large number here and a goodly part of them have the Baptism. Some Y. P. E. nights we have around one hundred twenty-five. They sponsor a radio program over WLAK.

We have a splendid L. W. W. B. They devote their time and means to the parsonage which has been redone throughout—kitchen cabinets of unbelievable beauty and convenience installed, new furniture and floor and wall decorations that would please the most particular taste.

Then the spiritual side of the church is great. God is with us in every service. We have just closed a revival with Rev. Henry Corley. God wonderfully blessed His Word given out under the power of God. Nine were saved, six sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water, and seven added to the church, for which we thank the dear Lord.

We are indeed thankful for Brother J. B. Ellis and family. They are so nice and humble and such a help in the spirituality and music channels. —Y. P. E. Pres., Mary Rogers, 1006 5th St., S. E.

REVIVALS

We had a three weeks' revival in which Rev. L. O. Henry, pastor of the Church of God in Burlington, was the evangelist. Durham was supposed to be a hard city for the old-fashioned gospel message. Well, we report victory over the devil. Fifteen were saved, eight sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. Brother Henry preached old-time Bible holiness. As one old-timer put it, "just like they preached it thirty years ago." We have a nice new lot selected in one of the best sections of town and expect to build soon. We covet your prayers. God is smiling on us here, so keep an eye on Durham.—E. D. Johnson.

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FORT MILL, S. C.—We had a three weeks' revival with Rev. Thomas Grassano doing the preaching, in which fifteen were saved, eight sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, and eight added to the church. We believe Brother Grassano to be a man of God.—Ellis E. Wise, clerk; J. C. Childers, pastor.

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CADILLAC, Mich.—The Church of God at Cadillac, Mich., began a two weeks' revival January 14, with Evangelist Bertha Bruce, of Flint, Mich., doing the preaching. Her good singing and inspiring messages were enjoyed by all. There were great showers of blessings. Eighteen professed faith in Christ, four were sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. The revival closed January 28 with a home-coming which lasted throughout the day; it was well attended. An offering was raised, which amounted to $200 to liquidate the debt on the parsonage furniture.

Ministers present were Rev. Charles Garnett, district overseer and pastor of the Muskegon church; Rev. Gerald VanHouten, pastor of Austin church; Sister Loretta Gallopoo, of Howard City, Mich.; and Rev. Johnnie Weed, of Cadillac. Numbers of members and friends from over the district were present to enjoy the blessings of the feast of the Lord. Communion and feet washing was observed in the afternoon. The revival spirit is still on.

In Tuesday night prayer meeting one was baptized with the Holy Ghost. The church is encouraged to go forward for God and His cause. They have purchased a nice seven-room modern house for the pastor, at the cost of $3,000.

The Sunday School has made a steady gain, with an average of fifty-nine for the month of January. The offerings for the Sunday School for the same month exceeded $40.—G. F. Crank, pastor, 115 Webber St.

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DALTON, Ga.—We are glad to report a very successful revival held at Dalton, Ga., Church of God. The evangelist was Brother A. W. Hall, pastor at Sugar Valley, Ga. God wonderfully blessed in every service, generously anointing Brother Hall. Nine were saved, six sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church.

We truly praise the Lord for the way He is blessing here. The church is progressing wonderfully in every department. We appreciate our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Duck.—Evaline Denson, reporter.

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KINSTON, N. C.—I praise the Lord for the wonderful way He is blessing us here in Kinston. We are having some wonderful services and God is in our midst. I really thank God for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Griggs; they are really on fire for God. Pray for us here, that we might soon have a building in which to worship God, and pray for a very special request that God knows all about.—Miss Sue Thomas, Box 531.

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AUGUSTA, Me.—Praise the Lord for His goodness to us people in Augusta. We closed a revival on Nov. 22, which started Nov. 11. On that day we had a home-coming service and our revival started with our good state overseer, Rev. William Morris, as the speaker. From the beginning to the end, what services! The Holy Ghost was present in every one; the saints were blessed and refilled. Most every night there was a goodly number. After some backsliders prayed through, then sinners began to get saved.

Since moving into our new quarters, we surely have been blessed. We have fixed the building and Rev. Wilmon Smith, the pastor, has the upstairs apartment for living quarters. With the help of Rev. W. Morris and Brother Vernie Sands we have the entire building reconverted. We are thankful that God heard and answered prayer in such a marvelous way and left us such good people as Brother and Sister Smith and family. They are doing their best for the Lord and He is blessing us in a marvelous way.—Lida B. Ricker, clerk, 15 Summer St.

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ROCHESTER, Tex.—A good revival closed a while back at the Church of God at Rochester, Tex. Several were saved, some sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and the saints blessed. There was old-time shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. Brother Curtis Drake, the pastor of the church at Breckenridge, who is also our district Y. P. E. leader, did the preaching. He preached some wonderful messages and is a promising young preacher.—Mrs. J. C. Atkins, Box 74.

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ALTON, Ill.—We praise God for the work that has been done at the Church of God at Alton, for the fellowship, presence, and power of the Lord. Every service night He is in our midst. I thank God for His Word and for His cleansing power.

We also thank God for the two weeks' revival we just closed with Brother L. Kerce doing the preaching. Two were saved, three sanctified, and twelve added to the church, besides many sick healed. God is so good to us if we will only trust Him. Brother Kerce is a real man of God and a good preacher. He is the pastor of the church at East Alton, Ill.—Pearl Freeman, pastor.

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WEST POINT, Miss.—In the three weeks' revival, with preaching by C. W. Kendall, of Natchez, Miss., sixteen were saved, eleven sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church. Brother Kendall preached the Word with power and manifestations of the Spirit. The church has been greatly edified and others are looking this way. Four were saved in one family.

The parsonage is almost completed, with five rooms and a bath. Brother Evans is a good pastor and we are looking forward to great things here in the future. Our Y. P. E. is growing too, as we had eight or nine young people to receive the Holy Ghost during this revival.—Ollie May Johann.

THE HOLY GHOST RECIPIENTS

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shall call, our children, those that are afar off, etc., it does not come by accident. This was not the case at Pentecost. Those hundred and twenty disciples for ten days were earnestly seeking this specific blessing and certainly received it on purpose. Cornelius had been praying and fasting for four days. The Holy Ghost did not come to him by accident, but after much seeking of the Lord. The disciples at Ephesus had been saved for twenty-one years, were referred to as believers, and were most certainly ready for the filling and received it upon hearing about it. So the substance of the whole matter is this, God has especially designed the Holy Ghost for Christians, not sinners, church joiners or what have you, and any man or set of men, (and this applies to the women also) that will fear God and do right, are certainly entitled to the Holy Ghost and through faith and obedience in seeking God can and will be the happy recipients of same. Amen.

A GREAT AND EFFECTUAL DOOR IS OPENED UNTO US

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reaped. Let us reap it to the glory of God.

We will shortly announce our new church in Shingleton and give you a full account of our nice new church building. Another town is now ready for the gospel; while there are some other great opportunities to be followed up.

We need your prayers and cooperation. Let us make this our greatest year for Christ and His Church in the mission field. Let us pass through this door to fields of sweeping victory and plant the Church of God.

WE CAN AND WE WILL!

THE PASTOR MUST BE AND MUST NOT BE

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a normal man to breath.

HE MUST BE OF GOOD BEHAVIOR

"Behavior." The word which applies to our mode of acting in the presence of others or toward them, often refers to purely external relations or to particular instances, and is especially used with the conduct and general deportment of a pastor. Further in the same chapter, after the writer had finished with his instructions on the qualification of a bishop and deacon, in the fifteenth verse he advises "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God." The pastor can misbehave by talking too much and about things that he should not. He can misbehave by playing smart and trying to "show off" what he knows. He can misbehave by being fractious, impatient, giving away to the flesh, and saying hard and uncalled-for things to the people. He can misbehave by being disagreeable and generally obstinate and ugly.

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MISSION PAGE

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bring to a realization our most cherished hope and fond ambition, in the establishment of the Evangelical Institute, along with the visiting ministers and laity gathered together in the inaugural service at Stony Hill this fifth day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-five, we do hereby place on record our deep sense of gratitude and high appreciation of the brotherly love and untiring interest continually displayed toward us by the parent body in the United States of America through the Mission Board; and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Executive Mission Secretary, Bishop M. P. Cross.— I. L. Miller, S. A. Robertson, H. T. Gentles.

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The following paragraph is taken fram a letter received recently from Brother G. L. Stilwell who arrived in Salvador a few months ago.

"I have just returned from my first mission trip. Brother Syverson and I took a five-day trip back in the mountains. It was some trip! We certainly did enjoy it and the people were glad to see us. Some of them followed us the entire trip, walking all day merely to be with us in service that night. One time there were more than thirty following us. I tell you, it makes a fellow willing to sacrifice to help people when he looks back and sees a string of people following him for miles, climbing mountains, crossing rough streams, and carrying loads to get to be in service for the Lord. The trip was hard, but what difference does that make? We had a grand time even if the priest did try to have us locked up. We not only had a grand time, but we did some good."

REST

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gorgeous wreaths to comfort and console the hearts of loved ones. But we are made to wonder many times about their souls, if it is "at rest" or has it gone to the regions of the damned where there is no peace or rest, but weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. The important part is the soul. Oh, come to Jesus now and receive that "rest" while we have time, while we live, because after death it will be too late. He said, "I will give you rest." It is free; it is plentiful; it is eternal rest; it was paid for with Jesus' blood, and offered to us without cost. If we are lost at the judgment and find no rest, no place to call home, no friends, no loved ones, then we only will be to blame. Are you tired of wandering in sin? Come to Jesus and "rest." Backsliders, are you weary and heavy-hearted, tired of roaming? Come to Jesus and rest. We are weak but He is strong. Come to Him now and "rest."

JESUS CALLS FOUR PREACHERS

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the Lord to make us ministers pure, clean, consecrated servants, meet for the Master's use. We find that the humble men met Jesus at John's baptism, John 1:40; again in Cana of Galilee, John 2:2; in Juda, John 4:3, but they were at their old jobs now. This was not on the Sabbath day so when Jesus had finished His sermon He set them to work again. They obeyed the man Jesus, and the results of this was far beyond their expectation. Dear brothers, if we will only obey the Word and wooing of the Spirit we, too, will accomplish great things for God. People of today are sinful and wicked. So we, as authentic ministers of God, must work hard, fast, pray, and lift Jesus, the Prince, the only Son of God, the Savior of our souls, up to a lost and dying world of sin today. Oh, that we might be wise as Solomon and as strong as Samson.

The person who draws back from suffering does not love God enough to do God's will, and will never be strong enough to do it without a treatment from the great Physician.

Morgantown, Miss., District Convention

The Morgantown district convention convened in Morgantown March 30-April 1. Rev. W. M. Stallings, state overseer, presided, assisted by Rev. W. R. Messer, district overseer. We were very fortunate to have Brother and Sister J. L. McCoy, of Dillon, S. C., with us. Brother McCoy led the choir throughout the convention. We think we can truthfully say this was the best convention we have ever had. Now we don't mean in attendance or in finances, but in the sweet spirit and love and unity. God poured out His power in a wonderful way.

We are happy to make the financial report because it was very good too. The mission offering was $216; the orphanage offering was $57; an offering for the church building fund, for a new brick church in Morgantown, was $1,500. The convention was wonderful! Thank the Lord for all the good things!—Mrs. Ralph A. Boyles, 108 Briarfield, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Revival at Empire, Ala.

We have just closed a blessed revival with eighteen saved, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the church. It was the best revival there in years.

We are painting our seats and the church building inside and out. Our L.W.W.B., Y.P.E., and Sunday School are all helping and on fire for God.

We extend to all former pastors and members, also friends of the Empire church, to meet with us for a home-coming service Sunday, June 24.—Rev. J. W. Shaw, pastor, Empire, Ala.

Best Revival Ever

GRAHAM, Tex.—We are very happy to report that the church here has enjoyed the best revival that has been here in a long time and some have said "the best ever." The evangelists were Rev. W. A. Burke and Rev. J. L. Jones, of Shawnee, Okla. The meeting lasted only fifteen days but I can say they were every one a day of victory, for from the time those brethren began to sing in the very first service God began to work. Their singing was not only an inspiration to our hearts but it simply brought old-time conviction. In fact, the first two or three nights we didn't have preaching at all. The evangelists just sang those good songs in their special way and the altar filled with seekers. During the entire meeting there was not a night with less than twelve in the altar and as many as twenty-eight some nights. The experiences in the meeting were twenty-eight saved, sixteen sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church.

These brethren are not only excellent singers of the right kind but they are good preachers as well, both of them.—Pastor, W. C. Hill, 600 Pecan St.

THE CHURCH OF GOD AT WARRENVILLE, S. C.

Rev. K. D. Beaube is enjoying his second pastorate, having pastored here the year of '39. Since the Assembly we have finished Sunday School rooms and paid entire indebtedness on same. At the time this picture was taken one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church was brought to a close. The church was filled many times to its capacity. Forty-five were saved, twenty-five sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost and nine added to the church. The church is also paying the limit on tithes. One week later we had one of the most outstanding baptizings the writer has ever witnessed. There are six churches on the district; four out of the six baptized, each pastor baptizing his own members. Rev. Alton Edenfield, evangelist; Rev. F.L. Muller, district pastor; Rev. K. D. Beaube, pastor.

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